(d) whether those proposals were approved by the Mission and the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (e) Karnataka Government submitted an Integrated Watershed management Project recently in July, 1991 for 10 watersheds located in the districts of Kolar, Mysore Mandya and Hassan to cover an area of 114956 ha. at a cost of Rs. 654.2 millions for being sponsored to Kreditanstalt Fur Wieduraufan.

**National Research Centre for Oil Palm**

3991. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Research Centre for Oil Palm in Shimoga district of Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the time by which Centre is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Sir, there is a proposal to set up a National Research Centre for Oil Palm bu the final decision regarding to location and establishment has not yet been taken.

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**Smuggling along Indo-Bangladesh Border**

3992. SHRI SIMON MARANDI:
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale smuggling and incidents of theft and dacoities are taking place on Indo-Bangladesh Border;

(b) if so, the details of the articles seized and persons arrested during the last three years;

(c) the number of incidents of theft of cattle reported during that period; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Government is aware that some incidents of thefts and smuggling are taking place on Indo-Bangladesh Borde.

(b) and (c) A stat[illegible]ent is attached.

(d) Patrolling/Nak[illegible] e been intensified. Observation [illegible] Towers have been erected for better observaions and increased vigilance along the International Border. Binoculars, twin telescope, PNV Binoculars and hand-held search lights have been provided for ensuring better vigilance on the border. Mobile patrolling by border patrols mounted on jeeps/Motor Cycles has been introduced for increased vigilance, effective surveillance and quick reaction.